

# AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Welcome to a new academic year! What a lot of fun we are going to have!  
We would like to say a huge Hallo to our new families that have joined us and we hope that your time at our Nursery will be full of fun and learning.

Welcome back to all our familiar faces! We hope you have had a wonderful Summer whatever you have been up to and we are looking forward to hearing all about it from your children!

This year as usual we will be continuing our child lead learning and following the children's interests and seeing where that takes us. The first couple of weeks back is all about settling back in with all their friends and getting to know the Nursery routine again!

## Pre School:

What an exciting year ahead we have for our pre schoolers we are so excited to help them get ready for their next big adventure...School!!

At Little Hands we always remember that every child is unique and needs to progress through their own milestones of development.

Play in these earliest years is the foundation building blocks for all future learning and to encourage independent learners. To embed ideas and thinking, to solve problems and work things out!

Play is at the heart of everything we do, alongside this we scaffold adult led learning to give the children exposure to ideas and opportunities that they may not have had. We have a huge variety of changing resources following their interests and opening them up to other opportunities. For example we have writing resources, these are not just pens and paper they are scrabble pieces, phonic stones, alphabet stones, diaries, sticky notes, calendars, cards, envelopes anything that can promote an Interest when the child is ready.

We help and encourage our children to develop skills of self-regulation, empathy, respect. To form friendships and be able to resolve conflicts. To develop an intrinsic desire to learn. To become an active learner who is curious to discover, find out and over come challenges. A child who is physically ready for school, core strength, coordination and development of gross motor skills and pivotal joints. A child who is happy, excited and eager to find out, solve problems and is confident in their own abilities.

These skills and so many more are 'school readiness'.

## Garden

Although this week the weather is glorious it will start to change as Autumn creeps back in, our Garden is open all year around and it is one of the children's favourite places to play! We have been lucky enough to been given 10 all in one waterproofs which will help enormously with keeping as much mud of the children as possible! However if you have them please send them in with the children (named) so we can encourage them to put them on.

If the weather is sunny then please remember to apply suncream in the morning and we will reapply as needed during the day.



## Illness

Our policy for the dreaded sickness and diarrhoea bug is 48 hours away from Nursery. Please don't bring your child into nursery until they have had 48 hours since their last bout. I really appreciate your support in this as I know how difficult this can be especially as normally after 24 hours they are bouncing around looking fine!!

For all other illnesses we follow the latest guidelines from NHS Direct which does change from time to time so if you are worried about whether to bring your child in then please do check the website.

## E-mail address

Our e-mail address is [lh-melbourn@btconnect.com](mailto:lh-melbourn@btconnect.com) and lhmelbourn1@gmail if you would like to contact us in this way. Please note that the emails are not always checked if we are busy so if your query is urgent then please phone us instead.

## PAYMENT OF FEES

Little Hands preferred payment methods are direct bank payments or Childcare vouchers. Payments should be made within 2 weeks of the invoice date or a late pay fee of £20 will be added. Alternative payment arrangements or timings may be possible please speak to the nursery manager in advance

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR FEES ON TIME!**

It takes a lot of my time having to chase up fees if they are late, we will ALWAYS try to help out if you need it but you need to talk to me so that we can get a plan in place.

The fees always go out 2 weeks before the end of term if you haven't received an invoice then let me know and I can resend it. I really appreciate your help with this.

## Direct Bank Payments

Fees can be paid directly into the nursery bank account either at a bank/post office or via Internet banking. The nursery bank details are:

Bank: HSBC

Sort Code: 401659

Account Number: 60037524

## Collection of children

Please note that our pick up times are **12, 1.00, 3.00, 4.00 5.00 and 5.30. Please only ring the doorbell once, we will hear it but we may need to just wait until it is safe for a staff member to be released to open the door.**

If you can stick to our pick up times (or as close as possible) it would be greatly appreciated.